



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION III  
1650 Arch Street  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103-2029

May 17, 2018

Dr. Kevin Carson  
Director of Administrative Services and Buildings and Grounds  
390 North Market Street Extended  
Seaford, Delaware 19973

Subject: New Monitor Well Drilling and Sampling Activities  
Town of Blades – Blades Elementary School

Dr. Carson:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in conjunction with the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC), will be conducting a new investigation of the groundwater contamination in the town of Blades, DE surrounding two electroplating facilities (Procino Plating and Peninsula Plating Sites). This site area will be referred to in this letter as the Blades Groundwater Plume. As part of the investigation, EPA will be installing new wells to collect groundwater information which may identify per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFASs), and other hazardous electroplating compounds near the two sites.

As part of the Blades Groundwater investigations, EPA proposes the installation of two, 2-inch monitoring wells for the specific purpose of testing the groundwater for environmental contamination and requests to install the wells on school property to aid in the groundwater investigation. Additionally, EPA requests the use the property to temporarily stage the drilling equipment and tools while EPA conducts site activities related to the investigation. This initial portion of the investigation is expected to be completed by the end of 2018. When the drilling and well construction has concluded, the EPA would collect samples of the water to determine if contamination is present in the groundwater.

Please consider this letter a formal request to obtain access to the parcels of land in the Property Access Agreement (Attachment 1) and shown on the maps (Attachment 2). If you agree to have the activities performed on the property, the sampling will be performed by EPA's contractor Weston Solutions on behalf of the EPA. Please complete the form and return it to me at your earliest convenience via e-mail to [oloughlin.connor@epa.gov](mailto:oloughlin.connor@epa.gov). Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter at (215) 814-3304.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Connor O'Loughlin", is written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

Connor O'Loughlin, Site Assessment Manager  
Site Assessment/Non-NPL Federal Facilities Branch



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(Attachment I)  
**Property Access Agreement**

I hereby agree to provide access, during business hours (6am to 7pm), to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region III, Philadelphia, PA and the members of its sampling team, including other EPA personnel, State personnel, and EPA contract personnel necessary for the scope of the work. This access is granted for the following location, purpose, and time frame.

**Location(s):** Blades Elementary School, 900 South Arch Street, Seaford, Delaware 19973

**Purpose:** To allow EPA to perform well installation and groundwater sampling to determine the nature and extent of contamination, if any, on the property. These activities are performed pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9601 et seq., related to the Blades Groundwater Site.

**Time Frame:** Access to the property and the monitoring wells will be permitted during normal business hours from the date of my signature below. EPA may elect to conduct multiple groundwater sampling activities during subsequent sampling events.

I certify that, as the administrator of the property, I have the authority to provide this continued access to the during the investigation.

Name and Title (printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_



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(Attachment 2)

Parcel: 132-1.15-202.00

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# Ex. 9 Wells

(Sample Location GWS-09/GWI-09) – Red Square

Proposed Wells:

Well ID	Well Type	Screen Interval (ft)	Well TD (ft)
BGWS-09	Shallow	35-50	50
BGWD-09	Deep	70-80	85

